



VOLUNTARY SERVICE

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Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 5 – Labor Day/VA Offices Closed
- Sept 14-15—VAVS Executive Committee Sale
- Oct 10—Columbus Day/VA Offices Closed
- Nov 9-10—VAVS Executive Committee Sale
- Nov 11—Veterans Day/VA Offices Closed
- Nov 24—Thanksgiving Day/VA Offices Closed

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

GREETINGS TO ALL!

Recent tragic events to friends and co-workers have brought to mind the thin line between life and death; the spaces between health and sickness and the importance of living each day as best we can. Each of you has chosen to give some of your time and talents to the service of veterans at our medical center. I know you make a difference each day you are here with every lap robe you distribute, with

every friendly greeting you give, with every passenger to whom you give a ride, with every cup of coffee served, every bingo game, every telephone you answer. You make a difference in so many ways. Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in the details of things that don’t really matter in the cosmic sense of life. But when we look out at the big picture, it is clear that each day you are here is a day well lived. We, in Voluntary Ser-



vice, are so fortunate to have such a giving and caring cadre of volunteers who support the mission of the medical center in providing the best care possible to our veterans.

By Kay Hilt

VETERANS MAY REQUEST HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

Under Senate Bill 374 passed last spring by the Oregon Legislature, a veteran of WWI, WWII, or the Korean War may request either the school district where they live now or the school district where they would have graduated from to issue a high school diploma. A veteran is eligible to receive a high school diploma if they meet the following criteria:

- Attended a high

- school before serving in the Armed Forces
- Did not graduate from high school because they were serving in the Armed Forces any time between April 6, 1917 and Nov. 11, 1918, between Sept. 15, 1940 and Dec. 31, 1946, or between June 25, 1950 and Jan. 31, 1955.
- Discharged or released under honorable conditions.

In addition, the law allows for a high school diploma to be awarded posthumously. If you are a veteran and would like to be considered for a diploma you can contact Karyn Phillips at 503-378-3600 ext. 2215 for information and questions on how to complete this process.

VAVS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

PORTLAND VAVS

By Nita Lucht

Our bimonthly sales continue to be successful. The last sale grossed \$1,889.00. There will be a small celebration in the atrium to celebrate past and continued support for the ice cream and craft sales.

I want to thank all of the committee for their dedication in help-

ing with these sales, for setting up and for getting things put away at the end of the day. Especially, lots of thanks to the ice cream team for getting the ice cream to the VA and for all that dipping. It takes a lot of energy to dip over 500 ice cream cones or dishes in a 5-hour period. There are about six volunteers who regularly dip and we appreciate their help.

Our September sale will have a Western theme. So hustle down and check out the wares. If you have 'like-new' things you would like to donate, we will really appreciate them. Thanks so much for all you do to help us help veterans.



VANCOUVER VAVS

By Paul Sobka

The Vancouver VAVS Executive Committee reports that John Schulling from the Nursing Skilled Care Unit has indicated a need for coffee service due to changes in what Food and Nutrition Service is able to provide.

These changes have resulted in an opportunity for Voluntary Services to fulfill this request. The Vancouver VAVS Executive Committee has found a local coffee company willing to deliver complete coffee service for a cost of \$250.00 per month. The cost of this service will be met with donations from our current or-

ganizations. The DAV has already pledged to cover the first month and many of the other organizations, such as the Elks, Cooties, American Legion Auxiliary, 40 et 8, the American Red Cross and others are making arrangements to pledge.



VAVS EXECUTIVE PROFILES

IRENE SHROPSHIRE



Irene was born in 1927 and raised on a farm in Tyler, Minnesota with her two younger sisters Mary and Carol. After graduating from Tyler High School in 1944, she attended college at Minnesota School of Busi-

ness in 1945. After college she moved to the Portland area with a girlfriend and two years later in 1947 she married her husband in Vancouver, WA. Her husband passed away in 1996, just shy of their 49th wedding anniversary. Irene and her husband have three daughters, Jean, Nancy and Connie. They have four grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Irene retired in 1993 from Columbia Machine in Vancouver, Washington, after working there for 35 years. After her retirement she managed the Benevolent Association activities for five years.

Irene is the VAVS American Legion Auxiliary Representative at the Vancouver Division.

She started volunteering at the medical center in October 2000. She joined the American Legion Auxiliary in 1973 and the next year was elected Secretary, followed by two years as Unit President. In 1976 she joined the Clark County Salon No. 203. Eight and Forty, and served as Le Chapeau, Departmental Secretary visiting all the salons in Washington State.

She loved to dance in her younger days but, hasn't danced much the past ten years. Her most memorable things in life have been traveling to places like Alaska (twice), Honolulu, Orlando, FL., Knoxville, TN., Tucson, Phoenix, AZ., Branson,

Irene Shropshire (Cont.)

MO., St. Louis, MO., and Boston, MA. These were just a few great trips that she went on, but the most exciting was a trip to Cancun, Mexico for a week. She said it was something else! In addition, she traveled through the

State of Oregon to many bowling tournaments. Irene will be going on another adventure when her sister and brother-in-law come to visit at the end of August. She plans on something a little different this time, when they take a trip up the Rogue River to ride on

the "Mail Boats".

For a little humor I asked Irene what she wants to be when she grew up. She told me that she wants "TO RETIRE".

By Toni Davis

AL FOUST



We are profiling none other than our six foot blue eyed Alfred L. Foust who is better known as Al.

Al was born in Portland, Oregon and graduated from the Parkrose Senior High School in 1941. His first job was with Portland Corps of Engineers at Camp Adair on a construction project. He did just about every job that was available which gave him a lot of experience. He was employed for a year when he enlisted in the U. S. Army on June 23, 1942 at the age of 19. He had to have his parents' consent because at that time the draft age was 21.

His military assignments in Louisiana and California kept him in the United States until May 1944. The first assignment was with the 333rd Engineer Regiment in Louisiana, training for jungle warfare and constructing railroads. The next major as-

signments were constructing three hospitals with up to 1000 beds.

Al was selected to participate in the Army Specialized Training Program as a cadet. He passed all the entrance exams and was sent to Purdue University where he was placed in the Civil Engineering curriculum. However, after two semesters, the Army decided they needed more people for "D" Day and sent him to Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, VA. Upon graduation he received orders for an immediate overseas assignment.

Al left the United States and landed in Liverpool. He was a replacement for anticipated casualties. In December during the Battle of the Bulge, his unit was ordered to the front as ground troops. They crossed the channel on an LST to France, then to Luxembourg and Belgium. While on land, a German pilot made a half-hearted strafing pass but there was little damage and no casualties. After crossing a river to assist General Hodges 1st Army, they were in areas inundated with German troops wearing American uniforms and speaking better English than some of the Americans. They worked their way toward Berlin

and halted to wait for the Russians. Their main mission was to accept the surrender of German soldiers who wanted nothing to do with the Russians. Al's military career was quite extensive and has the makings of a biography. He was discharged in October 1945.

After the war, Al met his beautiful wife-to-be, Birdie, while she was a nurse in the Lutheran Mission Hospital in Liberia, Africa. Following their initial introductions, Al invited Birdie to a dinner of steak and lobster tail and then proceeded to run out of gas in the middle of the African bush while driving back to the contractor's camp for that dinner. Al, of course, says the gas incident was not planned, but we know better... Planned or not, the little incident must have worked though, because he is still by Birdie's side and at the table for all meals.

The Foust's have five children; four of their own and one adopted. Three of their children were born in Liberia, Africa, and one was born in Bolivia. Their adopted child, Raymond is Bolivian. Three of their children served or are still serving in the U. S. Army. Al retired after working 36 years overseas as an

Al Foust (Cont.)

engineer. He is currently a VAVS representative for the VFW at the

Portland Medical Center.

I invite you to sit down with Al and have him tell you about his military and civilian careers. His

experiences are very interesting.

By Barbara Weatherill

SPECIAL PROFILES

RUTH LAURION
Turns in her Volunteer Jacket



Several years ago, Ruth Laurion came to Portland from Iowa. She and her husband began volunteering at the Portland VA 29

years ago and she has given 13,618 hours of service. Have you ever seen a little lady pushing a very large person in a wheel chair? If so, that was probably Ruth. She actually made it look easy. She volunteered to escort patients or be a courier. I have never heard her complain about anything. She loved volunteering and she did what was requested. She did like her tea and she would come into the workroom to get two tea bags for the day and to sign in. When we began signing in by computer, it took her awhile to master, but that was one more thing she accomplished. She is a very dedicated and active lady. She not

only volunteered at the Portland VA, but she and her son would pick up day-old bread and deliver it to Loaves and Fishes. We will all miss her very much, but we also realize that there comes a time in our lives when we must slow down and take some time for ourselves. Now maybe she will have time to work those cross-word puzzles and read lots of books. Her dedication in helping veterans has been very much appreciated.

By Nita Lucht

VERNA SUMNER
Honored by National Gold Star Wives



Verna Sumner, volunteer and member of the Portland VAVS Executive Committee, was honored by the national Gold Star Wives

with a special recognition award in July 2005. She joined the Gold Star Wives in 1984 and since that time has held all offices in the Willamette Valley chapter and the Northwest region. Mrs. Sumner served at the national level as an Historian and was on the Board of Directors for a total of twelve (12) years. She has served as the VAVS Representative for the GSW for the past 21 years. Verna is a mentor and guide for newer members in the Willamette Valley chapter and the Northwest Region to ensure that the Gold Star Wives will continue to go forward with its mission. She has attended every Regional Conference or National

Conference since she became a member in 1984. To receive national Gold Star Wives recognition, a member must have served at the national level and be nominated by the regional organization.

Verna has been a volunteer at the Portland VA Medical Center for 21 years. She serves the medical center by literally rolling up her sleeves and dipping ice cream for the quarterly VAVS sales in Portland. Verna is a reliable, stalwart, rock solid volunteer who is always there to aid the cause.

By Kay Hilt



ANN BARRIE
Receives
National American Legion Aux.
Volunteer of the Year Award



Ann Barrie, ALA representative at PVAMC and member of the Portland VAVS Executive

Committee, was named Volunteer of the Year by the National American Legion Auxiliary. For this honor, she was given an all expense paid trip to the National ALA convention in Hawaii. Ann received this award for her many volunteer activities: Coordinating the annual Christmas Gift Shop, coordinating and scheduling servers for the Coffee Service Program, funding and purchasing weekly food supplies for the Chemotherapy Lodging and Transplant Lodging Units, coordinating the annual Rose Festival Lunch-

eon, recruiting and retaining a huge cadre of ALA volunteers and offering her services for projects as they come up. For the third year in a row, Ann has also received another award from the national ALA for recruiting the most new volunteers. Observing Ann's organization skills, tenacity and accomplishments is a bit like riding in a convertible car at a high rate of speed – breathtaking!



By Kay Hilt

LARRY BARNETT
American League Umpire

On June 30 and July 1, 2005, Larry Barnett, American League Umpire, visited the patients at the Portland and Vancouver divisions. Sponsored by the Disabled American Veterans, Larry has been dedicated in touring VA Medical Centers across the country. Larry became an umpire in 1969 and retired in 1999 with the memories and stories about the New York Yankees, Seattle Mariners, etc.

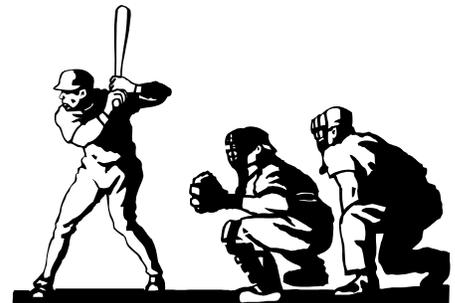
When Larry arrived at the Vancouver campus he asked if there was a place where he could

autograph baseball cards and posters. He was escorted to the volunteer workroom where he entertained the American Legion Auxiliary volunteers on duty that day. Volunteers Irene Shropshire, Mary Ratermann, Addie Zagar and Joan Strickland listened while he shared stories of his past and had Larry personalize a few cards for their grandchildren and also for them.

After he left the volunteer workroom, he toured the Nursing Skilled Care Unit, Mental Health and Primary Care Clinics where he visited each veteran and distributed autographed baseball cards and posters. With his

friendly and outgoing personality, Larry made sure that he visited every patient. Not only did he give signed baseball cards and posters, he also presented a baseball jacket to a veteran patient at both facilities.

By Toni Davis



Special People

When special people touch our lives, then suddenly we see
 How wonderful and beautiful our world can really be
 They show us how our hopes and dreams can take us very far
 By helping us to look inside and believe in who we are
 They bless us with their joy and love in everything they give
 When special people touch our lives they teach us how to live



PORTLAND AND VANCOUVER HIGHLIGHTS

CULTURAL COMPETENCE

The VA is a multicultural facility. Not only do our veterans represent many cultures, but the staff and volunteers do as well. Culture includes “shared values, traditions, norms, customs, arts, history, folklore and institutions of a *group* of people (for example - people born in Sweden). *Individuals* may also be members of several different cultures as determined by language, class, race, gender, ethnic background, religion, sexual orientation, ability, interests, etc. (for example- people who belong to a motorcycle club) The VA finds strength in and is respectful of the differences between people. The medical center

expects its employees, trainees and volunteers to recognize these various cultures and to:

- Accept, appreciate and accommodate cultural difference
- Value diversity; accept and respect differences
- Accept the influence of their own culture in relation to other cultures
- Understand and manage the dynamics of difference when cultures intersect

Be willing to explore the components of cross-cultural interactions (communication, problem solving etc.)

Cultural competence is a *PROCESS* rather than a set *OUT-COME* which promotes effective

interactions between people, builds stronger relationships, develops improved services and strengthens the ability of people to work together resulting in a more equitable, caring and inclusive environment.

We are required to build cultural competence training into our annual training materials to raise awareness of the diversity of people within the medical center. This year when your annual training review is due, you will notice the new section called Cultural Competence. Please complete the associated quiz as well as the other sections with which you are already familiar.

By Kay Hilt

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

What is Make a Difference Day? It is the most encompassing national day of helping others – a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate in this volunteer effort. Created by The Points of Light Foundation, Make a Difference Day is an annual event

that takes place on the fourth Saturday in October. The next event is Saturday, October 22, 2005. In 2004, three million people reached out to their communities to volunteer on that day, accomplishing thousands of projects all around the United States.

The Voluntary Service office is currently planning volunteer projects for interested individuals

and groups, and is open to project ideas that can benefit the veterans within the medical center and the community. Please contact Voluntary Service if you would like to make a difference and join in the efforts on October 22nd.

By Gayle Cauthers

COMPUTER RESOURCE ROOM—VANCOUVER

The Resource Room is a computer lab available to veterans for housing and job searches, composing resumes, writing letters, computer training material, etc. The room began to take shape between 2000 and 2001 and con-

tained only two computers without Internet access. With generous contributions and time from Intel, Hud and others, the room is now a server based broadband network with 13 workstations. Four out of 13 workstations were donated by HUD Housing to enable veterans to locate housing.

Approximately 4,446 log-ins

were recorded between January 1, 2005 and April 2, 2005. These logins were used to e-mail friends and family, look for job information, news, self development, housing and to obtain health care information.

The Resource Room attendants also provide tutoring for the following topics: Web based email ser-

Computer Resource Room—
Vancouver (Cont.)

vice (setting up, using, and con-
figuring); Microsoft Word and

Excel; effective internet search-
ing; basic computer hardware as-
sembly.

Donations are very much ap-
preciated to help maintain the

computer lab. If you have further
questions, please contact Gary
Rose @ 33844.

By Barbara Parker

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

President Herbert Hoover re-
garded caring for veterans as one
of the most important functions of
government. On July 21, 1930,
he signed Executive Order 5398
“Consolidation and Coordination
of Governmental Activities Af-
fecting Veterans”. This legisla-
tion was passed July 3rd and
placed under one administration,
federal pension and other benefit
programs and veterans medical
facilities. “In 1930, there were
4.7 million veterans in America.
VA operated 48 hospitals and 54

regional offices with a work force
of more than 30,000 and a \$786
million budget. The VA treated
54,000 veteran patients and paid
\$208 million in compensation to
440,000 service-disabled veterans
or dependents.

This year, the Department of
Veterans Affairs celebrates its 75th
anniversary of service to military
veterans and their families. Today
there are 25 million veterans in
America. VA operates more than
1,300 sites of care, including
medical centers, clinics, nursing
homes, Vet Centers, regional of-
fices and national cemeteries with
a staff of 235,000 and a nearly
\$70 billion dollar budget.

As America’s armed forces
serve in harm's way, in Iraq, Af-
ghanistan and around the world,
the VA stands ready to care for
this newest generation of combat
veterans – strengthening a legacy
of service to America’s heroes.

This year, as the VA cele-
brates 75 years of service to
America’s veterans, the Voluntary
Service staff would like to offer a
special thanks to all our volun-
teers for contributing their time
and efforts to make the 59th year
of the VA Voluntary Service pro-
gram such a successful one.

By Julie Guichot

AMERICA’S CELEBRATE FREEDOM SALUTE

America’s Celebrate Freedom
Salute, held in Vancouver August
26-28, was by far the largest of
six official tributes sanctioned by
the U.S. Department of Defense
to honor the 60th anniversary of
World War II. Other cities cho-
sen were Chicago, San Antonio,
San Diego, Tampa and Boston.
Their observances were held ear-
lier this year.

Vancouver’s celebration was
held on the grounds of its Na-

tional Historic Reserve
(Vancouver Barracks, Officers
Row, Pearson Air Park, Ft. Van-
couver). It paid special tribute to
the entire WWII generation, in-
cluding home-front workers. It
also honored all U.S. Veterans,
including those currently serving
at home and abroad.

Featured during the three-day
event were military displays, vin-
tage aircraft displays and fly-over,
children’s activities, movies, a
USO-style hanger dance at Pear-
son Air museum, entertainment
on a huge outdoor stage, a mess

hall spam breakfast, fireworks
display and the official Depart-
ment of Defense 60th Anniversary
of World War II Commemoration
Ceremony.

A highlight of the weekend
was the prestigious General
George C. Marshall lecture, which
was delivered this year by Gen-
eral Claude M. Kicklighter, Chief
of Staff for the U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs. He was in-
troduced by Governor Christine
Gregoire.

By Marjorie Varner

VANCOUVER NEWS

- At a Coffee Hour on July 26, NSCU residents enjoyed a surprise visit from a very special guest – Benjamin Franklin. Through friendly conversation with the veterans, he told a lot about himself and his role in the formation of our nation. His stories, his clothing and hair style, the bifocals which he invented, transformed Mr. Steve Jordan of West linn, OR, into a perfect copy of that great American, Mr. Benjamin Franklin.
- The Vietnam War Memorial Garden on the Vancouver campus was the scene of a special ceremony of reflection and remembrance on Friday, September 16, National POW/MIA Day. A new set of commemorative bricks, each

one honoring a Vietnam veteran, was added to the Garden. A speaker addressed the gathering, which concluded with refreshments and strolls through the garden.

- How time flies! The Vancouver NSCU marked its 20th anniversary on July 22. Dedicated on that date in 1985 during the Reagan Administration, the facility set up a display of photos, videos and other materials in its conference room that highlighted the history of the NSCU, its staff and residents during those 20 years.
- Many service organizations continue to assist in providing recreational activities for NSCU residents. The Military Order of the Cooties helped stage a B-B-Q in July, and the DAV did the same in

August.

- The Gateway Elks entertain four NSCU residents monthly with dinner and Bingo at their Northeast Portland lodge.
- Coffee time at the NSCU, which has traditionally operated 24/7, was scheduled for cancellation, but thanks to volunteer service organizations, it will continue unabated. To date, The Longview-Kelso Elks, DAV, Cooties and CottieEttes, Smith Reynolds American Legion Auxiliary, 40 et 8, SW Washington Chapter of American Red Cross and the Vancouver VAVS Executive Committee have contributed to the Coffee Fund.

By Marjorie Varner

NEW TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES CARE

Imagine a patient room with a high tech mannequin in the bed that actually has a heartbeat, breathes and talks to you. Imagine this mannequin suddenly has a life-threatening heart rhythm and has stopped breathing. A team of real doctors, nurses, and respiratory therapists then rush to its side and start giving life-saving care as they would to any real patient.

No need to imagine this scenario any longer. It truly exists! This “high fidelity” mannequin is already available for healthcare teams. The mannequin re-

sponses are computer controlled by medical professionals and mimic real-life patient responses.

It provides the opportunity for healthcare providers to practice critical care scenarios in order to improve patient care. Their experience is videotaped so they

can view the tape and discuss what went well, what could improve and what they learned. This results in improved care for patients.



Portland VA Medical Center is developing a Simulation Training Room. This project is a

strongly supported partnership between medicine and nursing because it will ultimately improve the care of our veterans. The technology, necessary equipment, and the cost required to equip the training room is substantial. Those interested in supporting this project, please contact Voluntary Service at ext. 55042.

By Michele Elskamp

**PORTLAND VAVS
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE CAKE DAY**

August 3, 2005 is a day to remember – it was the Portland VAVS Executive committees Cake Day to thank the supporters of our ice cream and bimonthly sales. Those sales enabled our committee to help veterans by donating over \$50,000 since March 1997. We are quite proud of that fact and it was an opportune time for us to inform others of how much we had donated.

Three white cakes with a de-

licious filling and a carrot cake were served to people who stopped by the table. It took under one hour to disperse all the cake. It was fun to see the expressions on the faces when we said it was free and that we were thanking everyone who had supported our sales. Some came with their billfolds out expecting to pay. When I explained to one gentleman that we were saying “thank you” to people who had supported our ice cream and bimonthly sales, he said, “you’re welcome.” Verna Sumner was a runner to the clinics, pharmacy

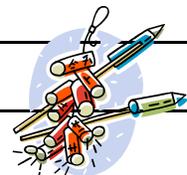
waiting area, and atrium waiting area to let people know they were welcome to have cake.

Without the help of all the committee working together we would not accomplish as much as we do. Thank you, committee members, for all your help at the sales. Also, a big thank you to those who helped me with the cake: Barbara Weatherill, Betty Weber, Dorothy Leonard, Verna Sumner and Julie Guichot. We all had a good time.

By Nita Lucht

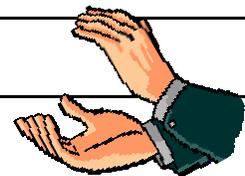
**PORTLAND VAVS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SALES
WHERE DO THE PROFITS FROM SALES GO?
March 17, 1997—August 2, 2005**

1	\$250.00	Family Feeding Project – Nursing Skilled Care Unit, Vancouver
2	\$100.00	Audiology Service – Portland Division
3	\$100.00	Eye Clinic – Portland Division
4	\$350.00	TV Set – Comprehensive Rehab. Unit, Portland Division
5	\$13890.00	Coffee, canteen books & comfort items, slipper socks VAVS, Portland Division includes T-51 food supplement as of 7/21/01
6	\$1750.00	Salem Veterans Center/Mental health/Salem Veterans Clinic/Eugene Clinic (includes coffee, crackers, Juice.)
7	\$400.00	Art Therapy, Women Vets Program, Vancouver Division
8	\$498.33	Refreshment fund, hospital wide patient Activities Support Group
9	\$2900.00	Clothing, lodging, travel, Portland and Vancouver
10	\$156.90	One year Oregonian newspaper subscription, Adult Day Health Care, Vancouver Division
11	\$2546.53	Clothing room (sweat suits, socks, underwear) Portland Division
12	\$119.98	55 cup Farberware coffee pot, VAVS Portland (includes carafes)
13	\$2000.00	Social Work Service (Portland Division)



**PORTLAND VAVS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SALES
WHERE DO THE PROFITS FROM SALES GO?
March 17, 1997—August 2, 2005
(Cont.)**

14	\$400.00	Portland Vet Center
15	\$4350.00	Battery Operated razors, Denture cups – Portland Division
16	\$200.00	VAMC Visual Devices – for indigent veterans
17	\$400.00	VAMC bus tickets/passes (Vancouver Domiciliary)
18	\$1000.50	VAMC bus tickets/passes (Portland)
19	\$1200.00	Replacement TV's for Portland/Vancouver
20	\$3770.11	DAV Transportation cell phones, service (3), charge cables and batteries
21	\$601.00	VCR and setup for Dialysis educational purposes
22	\$6560.93	Social work – Lodging
23	\$500.00	National VAVS Meeting Portland in 2002
24	\$961.66	TV/food for Kidney/Liver Transplant Housing
25	\$500.00	Sept. 11 Disaster Relief Fund
26	\$500.00	Oregon Veterans Home Covered Care Program
27	\$210.00	Battery chargers to security to help patients with dead car batteries.
28	\$1450.00	Women veterans' manicure sets, calendars
29	\$655.00	Carts for VAVS workroom
30	\$350.00	Step stools for DAV transportation vans
31	\$200.00	Educational material (AA/NA Big Books for SATP)
32	\$840.41	Items for Christmas stockings for inpatients
33	\$500.00	American and POW flags for Portland Medical Center
34	\$859.94	Pain Therapy Scholarship/Palliative Care for veterans
35	\$800.00	VAVS April awards banquet
36	\$200.00	Portland VAVS Bereavement Project
37	\$87.14	Toasters for Portland Day Surgery, Short Stay and Chemo Clinic
	\$52,158.43	TOTAL AMOUNT DONATED



NEEDS LIST

Requesting Department	Person Requesting	Requester contact number	Product Name
Homeless Outreach Program	Mel Tandburg	31403	Socks, Underwear
Inpatient Psychiatry 5-C	Kathleen Hamel	56474	Underwear, socks, Tennis shoes, sweat suites
Liver/Kidney Unit	Gordon Wells	57051	Lift Chairs
NSCU (CRU)	John Schulling	33376	26 inch or larger TV
NSCU (Hospice)	John Schulling and John Vasquez	33376, 33375	DVD/VCR Player, 32 inch or larger TV
NSCU (Hospice)			Red,white,and blue passage quilts
NSCU (Rec Therapy)	John Schulling	33376	Coffee or \$150 for Patient/Family Coffee program
NSCU-(Recreation Therapy)	Debbie Vourlas	33002	Blockbuster giftcards
NSCU-(Recreation Therapy)	Debbie Vourlas	33002	Pop tabs
Recreation Services	Kathleen Hamel	56474	Bowling gift certificates
Social Work	Janna Bird	57029	Indigent Veterans Fund bus passes
Social Work	Janna Bird	57029	Lodging Fund - Cash for Hotel emergencies
Social Work	Janna Bird	57029	Laundry Soap - Large Boxes
Social Work	Janna Bird	57029	Groceries, Ensure
Support Groups			Refreshments, cash, some food items.
Transitional Lodging Unit	Larry Brennan & Bob McIntyre	33766	Underwear, socks, hygiene items, Bus Passes, Coffee, phone cards
Transitional Lodging Unit	Larry Brennan & Bob McIntyre	33766	Sack Lunch items (example:sliced bread, deli/lunch meat, fresh fruit, etc.)
Transitional Lodging Unit	Larry Brennan	33766	Flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking poder baking soda, salt
Vocational Rehabilitation (Computer Resource Room)	Gary Rose	33844	Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Hard drives, Memory, Headphones, Network Hubs, Printer paper, Computer hardware and software.
Voluntary Service		57685 & 31842	Comfort Items, Razors, Slipper Socks, back scratchers, safety razors
Voluntary Service		57685 & 31842	Canteen Books
Voluntary Service		57685 & 31842	Coffee supplies, condiments, graham crackers, juice for clinics & diabetic patients, zip lock bags.
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TASTY TREATS

Coconut Cream Dessert

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
½ cup cold butter
½ cup chopped pecans

Filling:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 carton (12 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed, divided
4 cups cold milk
3 packages (3.4 ounces each) INSTANT coconut cream pudding mix
½ cup flaked coconut, toasted

In a bowl, combine the flour and sugar: cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in the pecans. Press into a greased 13-in x 9-in x 2-in baking dish. Bake at 325 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack.

In a small mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth; fold in 1 cup whipped topping. Spread over the crust. In a bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes; let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set. Spread over cream cheese mixture. Top with remaining whipped topping. Sprinkle with coconut. Refrigerate over night. Yield: 15 servings

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